



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

February 16, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM

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Birthdays

Judith Hayes	2/14
Mackenzie Lehrman	2/16
Susan Manchester	2/16
Corinne Robinson	2/16
Esmeralda Kimball	2/16
Brady Clarke	2/17
Aimee Clarke	2/17
Natalie Pineda	2/17
Collin Green	2/19
Richard Thacher	2/21
Thomas Heald	2/22
Charles Donilon	2/22
Lilly Dufault	2/24

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Last Week's E-Light

Congregational Meeting: Official Notice

Peace Dale Congregational Church Annual Meeting
February 19, 2023 at 11 am following worship

For the purpose of adopting a budget for 2023
And electing new board members and church officers

Potluck brunch to be served
Prior to the meeting in Fellowship Hall

***See the slate of nominations for election on pages 9 and 10, here.
The Annual Report was sent by email on February 14;
a limited number of print copies are available in the church office.***

New Member Welcome 2/19

New members of our Congregation will be welcomed
during 10am worship this Sunday, February 19. Please join us!

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, February 19 are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our loving parents, George and Alice Thompson, by the Thompson/Silkes family.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or simply give to the glory of God.

Anyone interested in donating flowers please contact Bea MacGregor, call or text (401) 741-7518, or email to bmacgregor47@gmail.com. Opportunities are available for March 26, and April, May, and June flower donations.

On the Calendar



New Member Class
Thursday, February 16 @ 4pm

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 19 @ 11am potluck & meeting

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

Youth Group Sleepover
February 25-26

Family Service
Sunday, February 26 @ 10 am

Installation of A. Fred Evenson
Sunday, March 19 @ 2 pm

Faith Skate Night



Kathy Bamford will need to have a headcount to purchase tickets ASAP. Text her at 218-3546.

Friday February 24 at what used to be "The Dunk". A P-Bruins hockey game and open free skate after the game!

PDCC is UCC

As a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, Peace Dale Congregational Church is Part of the Southern New England UCC Conference – Southeast Region (<https://www.sneucc.org/rhode-island>)

The mission of the United Church of Christ (<https://www.ucc.org/>) is "United in Christ's Love, we seek Justice for All". The UCC has many regional offices and PDCC is part of the SNEUCC Conference.

SNEUCC (<https://www.sneucc.org/>) has FOUR Missions:

- Make Disciples for Jesus – <https://www.sneucc.org/disciples>
- Make God's Love and Justice Real – <https://www.sneucc.org/justice>
- Bring New Life as Agent of Change – <https://www.sneucc.org/changeagents>
- Form Covenant Partnerships – <https://www.sneucc.org/partnerships>

Our Area Conference Minister for the Southeast Region is Rev. Patty Kogut (kogutp@sneucc.org – 508-244-4416)

Rev. Kogut accompanies clergy, congregations, and committees to live the love and justice of Jesus. She does so with over 30 years of parish experience, training in church vitality and conflict transformation, and as a PCC level coach.

Rev. Kogut will be joining us for Pastor Fred's Installation on March 19, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Darlene Hermes

2nd ANNUAL FAITH NIGHT SKATE NIGHT

GROUP OUTING

With | **Peace Dale Congregational Church**



Friday, February 24th

7:05pm vs Charlotte • Amica Mutual Pavilion

OFFER DETAILS:

All kids will receive a **Hat** & everyone will receive a **Team Poster** - **PLUS join us for an hour-long free-skate after the game on the ice!**

ONLY \$20 PER PERSON



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February
22 at 6:30 PM in the
Sanctuary.

Please join us as we anticipate the journey of Lent and observe Ash Wednesday with prayer, music, reflection and ashes.

Fun, Fellowship & New Friends: A Dine with Nine Report



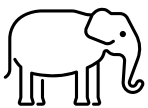
25 people were hosted at two Dine with Nine potlucks last Friday and Saturday evenings. Thanks to Linda Tucker and Eve Keenan who hosted 14 and Christine Grevstad and John

Hobgood who entertained 11 guests.

Everyone brought dishes to share which made for simplicity for the hosts and lots of yummy food! "The attendees were great" – of course! New friends were made. "Smiles, giggles and laughter were abundant!! We're looking forward to the next one in May."

Submitted by Christine Grevstad

White Elephants Out of Season



Yes, we do collect all year 'round. Just deposit any items you wish to donate down the stairs across from the office (by the table and rocker).

If you have packaging material that may come with orders – wrapping paper, sheets of bubble wrap – we would love to have that, too. We package items carefully and need cushioning materials. Please also place by the rocker. Thank you!

Submitted by Jane Stabile

PDCC Crisis Fund Update

For the past two years the PDC Crisis Fund has been actively receiving and reviewing applications from people in need due to the Corona Virus or other situations that have left them in financial need. The fund has been able to help over 50 families and individuals with such things as rent payments, utility bills, car insurance and payments, and food. We have even paid for storage units when families found themselves homeless. We always pay bills directly to the third party or use a Scrip card for food and gas needs.

We work cooperatively with the Jonnycake Center and other organizations for referrals, and often share payments when requests are larger than we can handle. Unfortunately, it is often the case that the need is greater than we can support, especially when our fund is running low. In order to continue the critical work we have been doing, we find it necessary to seek out further donors to keep this program sufficiently funded. It's heartbreaking when someone is homeless, and is just asking for us to cover the storage unit for their belongings, or just asking for assistance with food insecurity, and we have to say we can't help.

The Missions Board is extremely thankful for the generosity of individuals who have already given so much to make this fund possible. But now we are asking for your support to help our Local Crisis Fund continue to reach out to help those in financial need. Your contribution will make a significant impact and 100% of your tax-deductible charity dollars will go directly toward the support of local individuals and families. Please consider giving again to support our neighbors in need.

You can donate by sending a check to the following address and writing PDCC Local Crisis Fund in the memo section of your check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. Use the "Give now" button below to easily make a contribution from your computer or device.

PDCC Local Crisis Fund
261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879



Thank you,
The Missions Board

Submitted by Katherine Condon

Church Family Life Events

Thurs. 2/16 Archaeological Examples of Narragansett Indian and Native American Land Use by [Jay Waller](#) at SK HS Auditorium at 7 PM; part of the SK 300th Anniversary events. Poster on p.7

Fri. 2/17 – 26 Newport Winter Festival at various locations and venues.

<https://www.newportwinterfestival.com/>

Sat. 2/25 SK Incorporation Day Bonfire @ 6:30PM at Saugatucket Park, Wakefield, RI. "Gather with family and friends as we honor our tricentennial. Enjoy the celebration that will include a brief speaking program, music, and food trucks. Restrooms will be available."
<http://www.southkingstownri.com/1087/300th-Anniversary>

After the bonfire on 2/25 – let's go over to the Contemporary Theater @ 327 Main St. for **Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery** Saturdays, Feb 4 - Apr 1 at 7 pm

- Classic whodunits with a twist: it's all improvised! Our actors weave webs of secrets, deception, and mystery as we wind our way through a different murder each week.
- This time, it's the French Revolution and the nobility are stabbing each other in the back...literally. Every week is different, so you never know what might happen, and neither do we!"
- Going as a group. **Sign up on Sunday or contact Jane Stabile** at 508 395-1172 jane.stabile@outlook.com ASAP. Or attend on your own! Prices range from \$10 to \$40 for tickets at: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=161661>

Submitted by Jane Stabile

Will You Find the Golden Ticket?



South County Tourism Council and Hauser Chocolatier have teamed up to present Rhode Islanders with a Willy Wonka-esque Golden Ticket Getaway contest. Unbelievable prizes from local providers! Use [this link](#) for details. We've had winners before at PDCC. Benefits the South County Museum in Narragansett. (<https://www.rimonthly.com/south-county-tourism-chocolate-golden-ticket/>)



Academy Award Party

Some of the Academy Award movie nominees are available on our TV's. Here is [a link](#) to info about where to access them.

Let us know if you are interested in the Academy Award Party coming up before the awards on March 12th. No, you do not have to have seen all the movies. A fun PDCC social! Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or Sylvia Blanda 4014393541@vzwpx.com

OSCARS ON TV: (<https://www.rollingstone.com/tv-movies/tv-movie-news/how-to-watch-2023-oscar-nominees-movies-online-1296907/>)

OSCAR Movie Watch

South County Cinemas is showing many of the movies with a \$7 ticket for any time Wednesdays!

United Theatre in Westerly is celebrating the upcoming 95th Academy Awards with a special series featuring one-off screenings of 10+ nominated films!



Purchase tickets for each film individually or purchase a **Series Pass** to enjoy all 10 films and special screenings (pass is \$75; savings of \$62.50)

FILMS IN THE SERIES INCLUDE:

- 2/19 – [Banshees of Inisherin](#) (Best Picture + 8 additional nominations)
- 2/21 – [All Quiet on the Western Front](#) (Best Picture + 8 additional nominations)
- 2/23 – [Aftersun](#) (Best Actor)
- 2/26 – [Everything Everywhere All At Once](#) (Best Picture + 10 additional nominations)
- 2/28 – [Blonde](#) (Best Actress)
- 3/5 – [Tar](#) (Best Picture + 5 additional nominations)
- 3/7 – [Triangle of Sadness](#) (Best Picture + 2 additional nominations)

The **Series Pass** includes access to **ALL 10 films + Bonus Special Screenings which include:**

- 2/6 – [The Fabelmans](#) (Best Picture + 6 additional nominations)
- 2/13 – [The Whale](#) (Best Actor + 2 additional nominations)
- 2/17 – [The Oscar Nominated Shorts Live Action program](#)
- 2/18 – [The Oscar Nominated Shorts Animation program](#)
- 2/20 – [The Oscar Nominated Shorts Documentary program](#)

Submitted by Sylvia Blanda

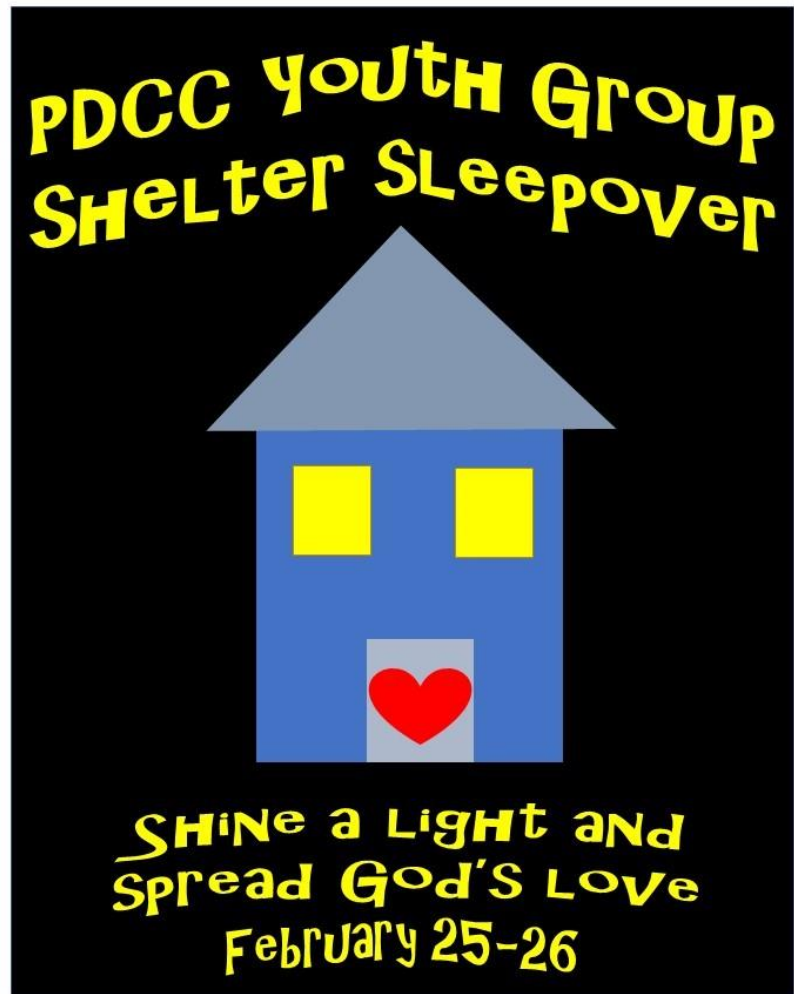
Ecumenical Social Justice Group 2/26

The Missions Board at Peace Dale Congregational Church has scheduled a meeting on Sunday **February 26 @ 5pm** to explore forming a broad ecumenical group to work on social justice issues. We have invited about a dozen faith groups from the local area to join us. Our thinking is that many of these issues can be more effectively addressed by strength from a larger, more ecumenical group than by our church alone.

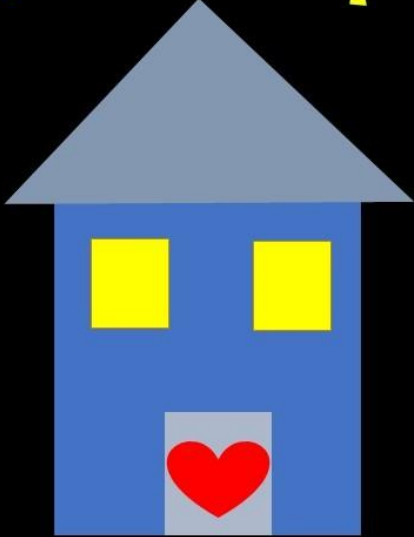
At this meeting, we can explore if such an endeavor is worthwhile. We also might identify several important social justice issues to emphasize, and how we might approach the problems. So, if social justice is important to you, and if you think an ecumenical approach is worthwhile, please join us for a brainstorming session on February 26.

All welcome!

Submitted by Don Hermes,
on behalf of the PDCC Mission Board



**PDCC Youth Group
Shelter Sleepover**



**SHINE A LIGHT AND
SPREAD GOD'S LOVE
February 25-26**

To sign up contact Meg Kolodziej
megkolodziejri@gmail.com



Celebrating the Spirit of South Kingstown!

**Town of South Kingstown 300th Anniversary Speaker Series
January – December 2023 Monthly Lectures Revealing the Town's Rich History**

Thursday, February 16 "Archaeological Examples of Narragansett Indian and Native American Life" **Jay Waller**, Senior Archaeologist, Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.

Thursday, March 16 "Community Organizations and Caroline Hazard"
Betty J. Cotter, URI lecturer, former editor of Narragansett Times and South County Independent

Thursday, March 30 "The Rise and Fall of the South Kingstown Planters, 1660 to 1783"
Christian McBurney, Author of A History of Kingston, R.I., 1700-1900 and more



Loaves
and **F**iSHes
dREAMS and **W**iSHes

Family Service February 26 10 AM
Peace Dale Congregational Church
Everyone is welcome



February Mission: Galilee Mission, Inc.

Galilee Mission – Giving Life and Hope

Residential treatment,
outpatient services,
transitional living, sober living.

With offices located at 268 Kingstown Road, Galilee Mission, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with good standing in the State of Rhode Island operating in the towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown. Our company was founded in 1984 in Narragansett, RI. Since our inception in 1984 we have maintained an exceptional reputation as a quality treatment provider. Although we are one of the smallest providers in the state, we offer a well-rounded continuum of substance use treatment.

Galilee Mission offers a working residential, transitional living, recovery housing, sober living, peer recovery, intensive outpatient, and outpatient services. We stay in touch with our clients through the different phases of their lives to offer help in any way that we can. People who live in this community, tend to stay in this community and utilize its supports.

Who utilizes our services? People with substance use issues. We offer confidential counseling and assessment. We take many insurances as well as Medicaid recipients.

We utilize evidence-based therapy to help our clients achieve a substance free lifestyle. This program is voluntary and geared towards those who

show a willingness to stay substance free. We will offer individual counseling, group counseling & peer recovery support all while assisting the client to obtain employment, address legal entanglements, re-engage with family and pay open debts. We will employ licensed chemical dependency professionals, administrative staff, overnight workers and other positions as needed from the area to staff our homes.

We believe:

- Recovery is an active, ongoing individual process.
- Recovery is achievable despite previous relapse.
- Recovery is about focusing on a person as an individual, not an illness.
- Recovery happens with self-management, education and peer support.
- Recovery is built on self-awareness and wellness.

Therefore, we will do anything in our power to assure that our clients are given every opportunity to focus on themselves and explore what is needed to succeed.

Additional information about the organization, programs, and treatment housing is available on the Galilee Mission website at <http://www.galileemission.net/>

Thank you, The Missions Board
Submitted by Wally Young

Give now

Ways to Support PDCC

Amazon Smile for PDCC



Generate donations to the church when you shop on smile.amazon.com

and select Peace Dale Congregational Church as your benefit organization.

Through this program Amazon donates 0.5% of the cost of your eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

AMAZON SMILE GOING AWAY

Amazon is ending its AmazonSmile program by February 20, 2023 saying that it has not had the impact the company had originally intended. "With so many eligible organizations – more than 1 million globally – our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin."

Gift Cards with a Kick



RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScript

Every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

- RaiseRight table sales will be available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Thanks to all for your continued support throughout 2022 and enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends!!! Here's a link to the full listing of cards available...

<https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net



Prayer Matters...

Prayer Matters in the E-Light provides a way to share a request for prayer more broadly within the PDCC community.

Prayers of the Congregation are requested for:

- **Bruce Reynolds**

To build fellowship and make full use of the congregational power of prayer, we offer this Prayer Matters space to allow members of our community to lift up their names and requests for prayer. This adds to the opportunities for congregants to lift up their prayers during Sunday service, and to request the care of the [Prayer Circle](#) that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our [Called to Care](#) ministry.

How to share your prayer

You may choose to use all or any combination of: Joys & Concerns on Sunday morning, Prayer Circle ministry, Called to Care ministry, and the new Prayer Matters section of the newsletter.

- To lift up your prayer during **Sunday Service**, simply raise your hand, voice your joy or concern and then say, "this is my prayer"; the congregation responds "this is our prayer". Prayer requests made during Sunday service are shared aloud with those in attendance.
- To request the care of **Prayer Circle**, submit the [online form](#) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request the support of our [Called to Care](#) ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or contact Rene Lamontagne at her number found in Breeze. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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2023 Slate of Officers, Boards, Committees, Delegates & Teams

To be **Voted** on is listed in ***Bold Italics***. Note all Chair/Co-Chair positions are for 2023-2024.

Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Peter Swain</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>
<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Joanne Haynes</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Jim Blackerby</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>(tbd)</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>

Deacons

<i>Darlene Hermes</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Sandra Robinson</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Sylvia Blanda</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>
<i>Val Lowell (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Jeff Healy (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2022-2025</i>
Barbara Gilbert	2021-2024
Renee LaMontagne	2021-2024

Christian Education

<i>Aleda Skiffington</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Vivian Skipper</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Susan Sward</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
Claudia Swain (Chair)	2022-2025
Heather Hurley Bannon	2021-2024
<i>Caroline Zedella</i>	<i>2020-2024</i>

Music

<i>Jo-Ellen Magers-Golberg</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Rod Gilbert</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Eve Keenan</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Alex Dowgiallo</i>	<i>2023-2024</i>
Guy Cassaday	2022-2025
Kerry McCarty (Co-Chair)	2021-2024
<i>Barbara Thompson</i>	<i>2020-2024</i>
<i>Don Lowell (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2020-2024</i>

Flower Committee

Carol Anne Hayes	2022-2025
Debb Zepp	2022-2025
<i>Wendy Sisson</i>	<i>2020-2024</i>
<i>Bea McGregor</i>	<i>2020-2024</i>

Property Management

<i>John Hobgood (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Bob Clark</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Tom Heald</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Byron Fish</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Greg Blasdell (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2020-2023</i>
Michael Garr	2022-2025
Lee Jeans	2021-2024
Dave Parkinson	2021-2024

Church Family Life

<i>Christine Grevstad (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Holly Rogers</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Renee Crisafulli</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
<i>Wendy Arnone</i>	<i>2023-2026</i>
Jane Stabile	2022-2025
Mary Mason	2022-2025
<i>Kathy Bamford (Co-Chair)</i>	<i>2020-2023</i>

Missions

Gabby Klensch	2023-2026
Myra Paryka	2023-2026
Suzanne Faucher	2023-2026
Wally Young	2022-2025
Katherine Condon (Co-Chair)	2021-2024
James McMonigle (Co-Chair)	2021-2024
Linda Tucker	2021-2024

Stewardship

Mary-Gail Smith	2023-2026
Maria Cassaday	2023-2026
Earl Clarke	2023-2024
John Golberg	2021-2024
Tom Mather	2021-2023
Mark Zedella	2021-2024
Tom Kolodziej	2021-2024
*Chair to be determined	

Hospitality

Lynn McCall	2023-2026
Judy Keller	2023-2026
Tanis Moore	2023-2026
Roberta Norman	2022-2025
Cheryl Beckmann	2022-2025
Debb Zepp	2022-2025
Herk Herchenroether	2022-2024
Sue Blackerby (Chair)	2022-2024

UCC Delegates

Wally Young SNE	2023-2024
Deb Shaw SNE	2023-2024
Shelly Moses SNE	2023-2024

2022 Board Support Team Members (Volunteers)

Deacons: Patti Gross, Jet Vertz, Don Lowell, David Worthen, Keith Bruns, Thomas Heald

Flower Committee: Lynn McCall

Christian Education: James McMonigle, Polly Pederson, Kateri Wheeler, Jane Stabile, Ed Holt, Laura Kelly

Music: Carol Edwards, Ellen Heffler, Scott San Antonio, Cindy Fish, Kurt Totten, Kim Mather

Missions: Claudia Swain, Don Hermes, Barbara Thompson, George Faucher, Patti Gross, Jami Schafer

Stewardship: Joanne Haynes, Byron Fish, Wally Young, Sylvia Blanda, Darlene Hermes

Property Management: Joe Fink, Chuck Cummiskey, Tom Kolodziej, Barry Gross, Jackie Kanis, Patrick McCarty, Michael Gross

Church Family Life: Patti Gross, Steve Stabile, Diane Donilon, Emily Cummiskey, Val Lowell, Laurie McCoy

Hospitality: Priscilla Archambault, Tacy Hackey, Bob Hackey, Christine Grevstad, Amy Weinrich, Tom Sherman, Donna Sherman, Steve Stabile, Stephanie Shovlin